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THE SHADOW.

VERSES FOR MUSIC.

The trumpet's call again.

Devoted to the brave,

And heroes saved exulting tell How well her voice they knew;

But spread its wings and flew.

Neglected, dying in despair, They lay till woman came,

When wounded sore, on fever's rack, Or cast away as slain,

And gave them strength again. Her cheering voice, her smiling face,

Attendering could dispet; With grateful lips they kissed the place On which her shadow fell.

When words of wrath profaming rung. She moved with pitying grace;

and holy I grew the place. They knew that they were cared for ther

Their eyes forgot their tears; In dreamy sleep they lost their pain.

And thought of early years-

Of faces sweet and pale.
They woke—the augel bending the Wa - Florence Nightingale

FRANCIS BENNOCH London, England, January, 1856.

Become she came, there was such cussin' and swear-but after that it was as holy as a church."

For the National Era.

A DECADE OF THE SLAVE POWER.

The Compromise Measures (fancifully so called) of the summer of 1850 had so settled the Federal Cabinet than to endow the Territory of New Mexico with an array of officials

disable it-by the shocking transactions which accompanied executions of the Fugitive Slave slave States for two hundred miles, was the principal hunting ground; and repeated succatchers to make a foray into the interior. In me well known in connection with these tected by some of his neighbors. Gorsuch came first. After thirty-four unsuccessful fired upon them, and was immediately killed, his

very Convention in Syracuse." The poor run- solves: away was brought before a Commissioner. The police men fired on the crowd, but did no exeon his way to Canada; and all without harm

shal, who broke his arm in jumping from a slarming and dangerous consequences; and window. If these were cases of peculiar mark, that all such efforts have an inevitable tendenothers occurred of surrender, resistance, and the Union, and ought not to be countenanced the Union to the Union general excitement of the North, by the exhi-bation of misery and heroism on the one part, and of doings and characters simply devilish was intended to embrace, the whole subject of and of doings and characters simply devilish on the other.

Under the omnipresent influence of the tremendons power which presses on us, a judicial tyrangy had now began to be devalored which

of the law. Juries have generally well stood pair their ground, as yet, though sometimes sadiy sing the antithesis of the old New England | made." prayer, have shown themselves a terror to welldoers, and a praise and encouragement to them that do ill. On the 10th of March, 1851, Hanchelm of the southern members. It declared as follows: nah Dellam was determined by Judge Kane, of kane, of the District Court, under a preposterons indictment for High Treason. The trial
continued more than ten days, after which the
jury took less than ten minutes to pronounce
them not will discountenance all efforts at the renewal or
out of it, whenever, wherever, or however the
attempts may be made, and will maintain this
put her two han's togedder, so she did, de them not guilty. There was next an attempt to indict them for murder, but the Grand Jury threw out the bills. Little better success at except of one person in the former case, (tried

and of good Southern connections, to repeat in Cuba the exploit of 1836 in Texas. But this time the Spaniards were too strong for the pirates. The expedition being ignominiously defeated, there was nothing to be done by the Slave Power, incarnate in our Government, but to disavow and condemn it, while it interceded for the survivors of the buccaneers, and rebuked in good set terms of outraged humanity the execution done upon the dead. A well-meant attemnt followed, to fan a trumpery dispute here. tempt followed, to fan a trumpery dispute be-tween the captain of a packet-ship and the au-thorities at Havana, who, under their recent experience, were suspicious of his passengers, into a national difficulty. But the Spanish Government apologized so amply, that nothing could be made to come of it. Bargaining, but lying, and filibustering, have as yet been without fruit as to Cuba, as they were for

der the direction of their respective friends in the Slave Power interest, point out two citizens, leaving to us voters to determine which of the two shall do the formal duties of President o the United States for its behoof. Like other Congresses assembling under those circum stances, its proceedings mainly bore upon that issue. At its opening, an attempt was made to form a Union Party, for the benefit of the acting President, his Secretary of State, and those other leading Whigs who had been leagued with them in support of the Compromise Measures. But the Democratic party felt strong enough to decline a division of the apchusetts, as successor to Mr. Webster. His great speech of the 26th of August, 1852, on his motion for a repeal of the Fugitive Slave in so satisfactory a train for final settlement, that prudence dictated a pause in its normal and Mr. Wade of Ohio, he was left out in the action; and little more was done at present by the Federal Cabinet than to endow the Terrihealthy political organization;" and if the same exclusion was not applied to Mr. Seward of from the Southern States, to take care that Mr. New York, it was not because he had not labor-Webster's Anti-Slavery tendencies of "physi- ed with them with admirable ability. The Sen-

former, already a scarred and laurelled veteran displayed their great abilities in the champion-ship of Truth and Freedom. The constitu-tional argument of the last-named gentleman on the Fugitive Slave Bill is one of the finest specimens of grave eloquence in our Parlia mentary annals. But it breathed its sublime eatebers to make a foray into the interior. In music to deaf ears. Mr. Durkee of Wisconsin, September, 1851, one Gorsuch, of Maryland, Mr. Townshend of Ohio, and others, added

The nominating Conventions, to whose action become well known in connection with these transactions, followed a black whom he claimed, to Lancaster county. The fugitive was pro-Son severely wounded, and the rest of the party its first appearance. He had formerly been in. Jerry, from Missouri, got as far towards Houses of Congress, and had more recently time when a Convention of the Liberty Party was sitting in that place—the same place where, eighty-two, with the nomination, Senator Wit President. This done, the platform of princi-ples for the canvass was adopted, the signifi-cant fact being expressed in the following re-

police men fired on the crowd, but did no execution; probably they intended to do none. of everything appertaining to their own affairs, not probably they intended to do none. Slavery, or to take incipient steps in relation cy to diminish the happiness of the people and endanger the stability and permanency of

tyranny had now began to be developed, which within five short years has wonderfully enfeated and unsettled the traditionary and ingrained confidence of the Northern people in be gravity and integrity of the administration be repealed, or so changed as to destroy or in

The Whig Convention came together presently

Philadelphia, to be a fugitive; she was about to give birth to an infant; and the Judge held his Court till late into the night, lest a freeman of party of the United States, as a settlement in principle and substance—a finel extrement. Court till late into the night, lest a freemau of Pennsylvania should be born, and not a slave of Maryland. Castner Hanway and Elijah Lewis, Pennsylvania Quakers, who had refused to join the Deputy Marshal's posse for the assistance of Gorsuch, at the instance of Judge Grier of the Supreme Court of the United States, as a settlement in principle and substance—a final settlement—of the dangerous and exciting subjects which they embrace; and so far as the Fugitive Slave Law is concerned, we will maintain the same, and insist on its strict enforcement, until time and experience shall demonstrate the necessity of future legislation against evasion or abuse, but not impairing its present efficiency; and we deprecate all future agitation of the Slavery question, as dangerous to our peace; and we

at Albany, and not in the neighborhood of the alleged offence,) who was found guilty of resisting an officer, but died before centance. On Mr. Webster. Mr. Webster received at no time and officer, but died before centance. On Mr. Webster. Mr. Webster received at no time and officer and the control of the between President Fillmore, General Scott, and wur so hoped up as to fall in long o' you, all I

PSALM XXIII.

He makes me lie down by the river's green side Full fair is the herbage around me that grows,

And therefore I fear not; yea, all undismayed, Of the Valley of Death I can pass the dark shade

And ever thy goodness and mercy shall be, Thy promise is written; I trust in thy word-I shall dwell evermore in the House of the Lord.

THE BROTHERS.

BY E. D. E. N. SOUTHWORTH.

CHAPTER VII-Concluded. These preparations were soon made, and way leading to M- was bordered on one plantation, and on the other side by a causewaded half a leg deep in water, he made his way safely under the shelter of the wall and the shadow of the trees.

He had waded thus a mile, on his way towards the city, when the sound of a voice, singturn, sang and intoned it, and, by them, recognised, before seeing, Elisha, the colored classleader of his own congregation, the man who had that morning brought the first news of

city. "Might he not bring some later intelligence of Fannie?" he inquired of himself, as he hastened to climb the wall of the causeway, and peered through the parasitical vines that clung to the top, to survey the scene.

came trudging onwards, and beguiling his way with chanting the refrain of a wild weird revival hymn, in strange keeping with the tim and circumstances-

"Go, wake him! Go, wake him Judgment day is coming!
Go, wake him! Go, wate him

ribrated on his shoulder. "It is I, Elisha! Come here, quickly. How s Fannie, my dear, suffering Fannie? Quick-

y! You have seen her since morning?" cried Valentine, in a low, vehement tone. "Brudder Walley! I 'clar'; de werry man

ing the causeway. "Tell me! tell me! how is Fannie?"

Valentine, impatiently. "Ah, chile! we-dem mus' 'mit to de Marster," sighed the old preacher.

"For Heaven's sake be plain! Is sheshe still living?" questioned the youth, in an

"Wur, when I lef' dar, chile! wur, when lef' dar! Dat all I can say for sartain 'bout libbin'."

Valentine groaned deeply, asking-

thing-everything you know about her." "I happen in dar, to 'quire arter her, 'bout noon. I fin' her all alone, berry low, berry low 'deed. Flies, like a cloud, settled on her face.

onable lif' her han', drive 'em 'way: lip bake wid thust, onable han' hersef a drap o' water.' "Oh, God! and the child-the child!" "'Prawlin' on de floor, kivered wid flies an

back, and walk a little way with me, while you tell me more; but if you see any one coming or going on the road, whistle, to warn me, for I have no permit," said Valentine, dropping be-hind the causeway, and plunging along through the water, towards the city.

They could no longer see each other, and

their conversation was carried on over opposite

"I don't know; I must try. Tell me mor about Fannie."

threw out the bills. Little better success at lended the proceedings against the alleged resurers of Jerry at Syracuse, and Shadrach at Boston. No conviction was obtained of either, except of one person in the former case, (tried the Albany, and not in the neighborhood of the line). The so long professed Anti-Slavery of the Northern section of the Whig party was consigned to history. It had concluded to embrace openly before the world the worst enormities of the Slave Power.

Fifty-two ballotings were had, and still no offin it, or onto one o' dere plantashunes. So

dered on this side by a marsh, so deep that in the attempt to pass it, a man of moderate size and strength must have been swallowed up. The bridge was a continuation of the road and causeway, flanked by parapets extending across the river, and joining the road on the opposite side. Valentine never thought of the impos-sible feat of wading the marsh and swimming the river, neither did he dream of attempting to cross the bridge in the very face of the patrol guard that twice before had arrested him; but trees grew more sparsely, and the mud under and proceeded to follow up his victory with sevthe water became deeper and more treacherous eral other severe blows.

as it merged into the marsh nearest the river. But Valentine was struggling to his feet, and

once before, so we prepared for the second, trying to pull him away, and Phadra, who was you understand," said one of his captors. They crying, distractedly, "Oh! Valentine, he was all knew Valentine; with most of them he was your brother! Your only brother! And you've a great favorite, though to others he was, for: murdered him! the sole reason of his natural superiority, very be glared from one to the other, in the obnoxious. While Valentine stood, overwhelm amazed, bewildered manner of one half waken

ing a Methodist hymn, and approaching from lady knew me too, and was very kind to the and the magnitude of his crime had burst upon the opposite direction arrested his attention poor quadroon bdy, when he was a child. And his consciousness, he stood an instant, and heart is breaking-that is nothing, but she sends to me, sir—sends to pray me to come and see her poor face for the last time, and Fannie's illness. A new, intense anxiety seized take her orphan baby from her dead arms, les it die too! You are powerful, Major Hewitte Speak the word, and these gentlemen will le-

he will not refuse you the permit, and whe you have it, ride back hither as fast as you please," said Mr. Hewitt, or the Major, as he

was generally called.

He scribbled a note in haste. Valentin mounted the horse, received the missive, and thanking the Major from the depths of h heart, rode off. He met and hailed Elisha, told

Valentine gallopped swiftly towards home, reached the lawn gate, sprang from his horse, secured the bridle, and hastened up to the house. There was no one in front; he entered the hall, looked into the dining-room; it was

the frequent potations and the irritations of Co "Well, sir!" he said, turning abruptly Valentine. "What now? How dare you the ter my presence again, after your insolent o'h'

Oswald Waring took the note with a jeck

tore it open impatiently, and, casting his eves over it with a scornful curl of his lip, tossed # away, exclaiming—
"Tush! Major Hewitt is a fool! Where did

you get that, sir?"
Valentine hesitated. "I ask you where you got that note, sir?"
"From Major Hewitt's own hand, Master Oswald," replied Valentine, at last.

Where did you see Major Hewitt, then? is the question!"
Again Valentine was silent. "What the demon do you mean, sir, by treving my questions with this contemptuous lence?" demanded Mr. Waring, angrily.

"Master Oswald!" began Valentine, serio kly, impressively—"I will answer your quest on
truly; but, first, let me beg you, let me pi sy
you, by all your hopes of salvation, to listen to
me favorably; for I swear to you by all my fs.th
in Heaven, that it is the very last time I vill

"I am glad to hear it, you troublesome, confoundedly spoiled rascal! For it is the very fast minute that I will bear to be trifled with!"

of my command, you attempted to go to tows?"
"Sir! sir! listen to me! my worst fears are confirmed! My poor Fannie is dying, as I feared she might die—alone! deserted! dying not only of pestilence, but of famine and thirst, and every extremity of wretchedness! She her eyes and receive the orphan child on could I disregard such an appeal as that? would not any man, or, I was about to say, say beast, risk life, and more than life, if possible, to obey such a sacred call? I would have perilled my soul! Can you blame me?"

"They turned you back! they did right! Thank Heaven that I am disposed to consider

himself with wonderful strength, while he still himself with wonderful strength, while he still pleaded his cause.

"Major Hewitt felt my position, sir! he had compassion on me, and wrote that note. Give heed to it, sir! The time may come, when, on your own death-bed, or by the sick bed of one you love, and fear to lose, and pray for, it may console and bless you to remember the merey.

To resist these flagrant wrongs and aggres sions, to maintain the safeguards of Liberty unimpaired, and to vindicate the rightful power of the people over their Government, this appeal is made to you, freemen of Pennsylvania, and to you for emember the merey of the people over their Government, this appeal is made to you, freemen of Pennsylvania, and to vindicate the rightful power of the people over their Government, this appeal is made to you, freemen of Pennsylvania, and to vindicate the rightful power of the people over their Government, this appeal is made to you, freemen of Pennsylvania, and to vindicate the rightful power of the people over their Government, this appeal is made to you, freemen of Pennsylvania, and to vindicate the rightful power of the people over their Government, this appeal is made to you, freemen of Pennsylvania, be introduced into all schools, without apparatus or additional room. This work, being in a popular form, may thus be not only studied by children at school, but be read and discussed by children at school, but be read and discussed by children at school, but be read and discussed by children at school, but be read and discussed by parents at home. Thus the most important of the body scitime for the people over their Government, this appeal is made to you, freemen of Pennsylvania, or additional room. This work, being in a popular form, may thus be not only studied by children at school, but be read and discussed by children at school, but be read and discussed by parents at home. Thus the most important of the work of the people over their Government, this appeal is made to you, freemen of Pennsylvania, or additional room. The body sci-

"Will you have done worrying me? Major Hewitt is an old dotard! The mercy you self-ishly crave for yourself would be cruelty to all the limit to all the limit to later. It makes war upon no interest or class; but would preserve all interests.

These two works, the pages each, and well all the limit to later. These two works, the pages each, and well all the limit to later. These two works, the pages each, and well all the limit to later. These two works, the pages each, and well all the limit to later. These two works, the pages each, and well all the later. These two works are the pages each, and well all the later.

"WHAT!" river! Aye, if it were a marsh of blood, and a river of fire!" exclaimed Valentine, losing all self-control, and breaking into firm "I will go without it! If I cannot pass the self-control, and breaking into fury.

"Why, you audacious villian! You shall not stir from this house!"

"Why is the friends of Freedom, and, to this end, will regard nothing as a sacrifice, so that their principles are effectively maintained the sacrification.

shall stop me!" broke forth the man, in a voice of thunder, striding off. In an instant, Mr. Waring had intercepted

he projected a scheme almost equally wild and hopeless. This plan was to cross the river by clambering along the water side of the parapet—a plan involving less risk of discovery by the patrol, certainly—but undertaken at the blinded for an instant with the blood that most imminent peril of death, by losing hold streamed from the cut, staggered backwards, and dropping into the river below. Valentine Mr. Waring, by another heavy stroke with the waded on through the cypress swamp, until the loaded end of the cane, felled him to the floor,

parapet; and in doing so set in motion some showered blows upon the dying man, like one nualarum bell, at whose first peals he found himself suddenly surrounded, and in the hands of
the patrol.

But valentine was inaddeded; phrenated and
conscious of his acts, until the agonized screams
of women brought him slightly to his senses,
when he found himself seized between Mrs. "My good fellow, that feat has been tried; Waring, who was, amid her frantic shrieks,

ed with despair, he discerned Mr. Hewitt among, ed from a horrible dream; looked at the muti-the party; and gathering some hope from the presence of that gentleman, he clasped his hands, and, appealing to him, said—

amazed, bewildered manner of one half waken amazed, bewildered manne "Oh, Major Hewitt, you know me, sir! You violent start, and an awful change of aspect, have known me from childhood! Your dear, as if, for the first time, the reality, the horror, hands of the women, cleared the porch at a bound, rushed across the yard, leaped the fence,

of the cypress swamp beyond.

That night, as Fannie lay on the wretched bed of her poor room, in darkness and solitude, and in the semi-delirium of fever, suddenly an husband, gleamed out from the surrounding shadows, stooped over, raised her in its ghostly arms, chattered, raved wildly, incomprehensi-bly, and—was lost—whether really from the room, or only from her failing consciousness is not certain-and, indeed, how much of thi scene was an actual occurrence, and how much of it was the mere phantasmagoria of frenzy.

The following spirit-stirring call have been issued by the Hon. David Wilmot.

TO THE FRIENDS OF PREEDOM IN PENNSYL

In fulfillment of the duties imposed upon the undersigned, as member of the National Ex-ecutive Committee for the State of Pennsylvania, (appointed by the Republican Convention held at Pittsburgh, on the 22d ultimo,) and in compliance with the wishes of numerous friends

throughout the State, notice is hereby given that a Republican State Convention will be helnomination of State officers, to be supported at the ensuing Presidential and State elections and, generally, for the transaction of all such

and House of Representatives; and that the the Commonwealth meet at the county seat, next, unless some other day will better accommodate, and elect delegates to represent them in said State Convention; and also, at the same time and place, elect three delegates from the several Congressional districts, to represent this State in the National Nominating Convention, to be held on the 17th day of June next, in the

city of Philadelphia.

The undersigned feels that he would not prop erly discharge the duties of his appointment if he failed earnestly to urge upon the freeme of this Commonwealth, without regard to for-mer party divisions, to unite in the patriotic effort now making to rescue the Government of the Union from the domination of an Aristocracy founded upon property in slaves. The slaveholders, constituting less than one in fifty slaveholders, constituting less than one in fifty of the free population of the country, control ons of the General Government. and pervert all its powers to one end—the ag grandizement and perpetuation of their power They rule as with a rod of iron-trampling under foot the teachings of our fathers, and the benign principles upon which the Government was established. They contemn the rights of human nature, thereby exposing man to every

outrage. There is no safety for humanity but in the acknowledgment of its rights, Through in the Declaration of Independence. It impi-ously denies the supremacy of God's law; ac-knowledging no rule of right among men, save has involved our country in foreign war for the extension of its territory, and the aggrandizement of its power. In the reckless pursuit of the same ambitious design, it recently invaded the most solemn National Compact; and to-day threatens a war of extermination against th threatens a war of extermination against the peaceful settlers of Lansas, unless they submit to the usurpations of lawless and armed invaders of their Territory; and to laws, the enormity of which, have no parallel in the code of any civilized and Christian nation.

The alarming power of this Aristocratic Interest and the ineversally treater and the ineversally treater.

The alarming power of this Aristocratic Interest, and the inexorable tyranny it would enforce, is demonstrated in the fact, that no citizen, however eminent in virtue and qualifications, is permitted to occupy the humblest post in the appointment of the Executive, unless he purge himself of the taint of Freedom, and bow in abject submission to the behests of Slavery. The treasure of the Nation, through the patronage of the Executive, is employed to corrupt the Legislative department of the Government—to debauch our public men, and, so far as possible, to demoralize the body of the people.

To resist these flagrant wrongs and aggres-

time, I tell you, and I swear it, by all the orders, I will not give you the permit!

Then, by the justice of Heaven, I will go without it!

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maintained-these they will neither surrender "Neither man on earth nor demon from h-1 nor compromise. Strong in the integrity of their motives, and in the justice of their cause, they will stand firmly by the right, trusting that a beneficent Providence will uphold the liberties him, holding up a light cane, and exclaiming—

of the Republic against the assaults that now threaten their overthrow.

D. WILMOT. Member of the National Executive Com mittee for Pennsylvania. Towanda, March 10, 1856.

> For the National Era SONNET.

BY MARY FRANCES TYLER TUCKER.

Tis sweet to sit and dream Of all things hoped for; and to backward east And watch the star-lights gleam-Those gentle star-lights that were loving eyes.

Whose glory kindled youth's o'ershadowed skies And cheered life's desert places; And, mildly gazing from remembered faces We see them even yet. Ob, now Rises before us the pure classic brow; And then, forgetting all of woe and wrong, We clasp the hand we sat and held so long;

Rememb'ring sadly, with a tear and sigh,

The murmured sweetness of that last "Good-bye!" HEALTH FOR THE PEOPLE.

No. 2. EVIDENCE AND RESULTS OF THE DECAY OF NATIONAL HEALTH

In a former article, the following were pointed out as causes of the decay of national heath: A change from pure and cool air, by day and exercise the muscles most important to health,

especially to female health. A change from a plain and simple diet to a stimulating and luxurious one. A change in the vast increase of intellectual, that brought us together. You will probably

anced by pure air and exercise.

And, lastly, a change in the fas

the adult and rising generation must be more delicate and unhealthy than those of former But there is other evidence than that of inference. There are painful facts, that ought to

should they be urged on the attention of parents and teachers.

With reference to this, a small work has been prepared, entitled, Letters to the People on Health and Happiness, and that its sale may not be a matter of private emolument, the author's copyright interest is given to the American Woman's Educational Association. In this work will be found evidence to show that there has been a wide-spread and most alarming decay of female health all over the nation; that it is not confin-

extends equally to country towns and villages, and to the poorer classes.

The statistics furnished are only an approxi mation to exact results, but they fully justify wives and mothers, not two in ten possess the withstanding. health and power of endurance that were the

The consequence of this decay of the female constitution, its mournful effects on domestic happiness, and the terrible results that are coming upon the young, are set forth in this volume, stances, is "an extraordinary one," and I might

A medical article prepared for this work contains information of dangers to the young, which the cost to himself of that sermon, so that he every parent and every teacher should obtain will not be driven from the truthful position and deeply ponder. And the statements made that he has taken. It must require a man of by the author, in the letters entitled " Necessity more than ordinary heroism to take and mainfor increasing Protective Customs," and "Aou-tain the position he has taken, under the cir-ses of Medical Treatment," are most appalling. cumstances. I trust this sermon will not be One sentence may give suggestive indications

ture of the spine in various stages. Flat chests

muscles, and sinks downward, misplacing the most delicate organs, and causing the most proyet receive the Era, printed on paper made tracted and excruciating of all human sufferfrom the basswood trees now growing in our The painful apprehensions induced by facts

presented in this work are relieved by the assurances it contains, that there are remedial and The first is to bring the evils and daugers pre-

clergy and the editors will but say the word as they might say it, the information in this book would reach every family in this land. The next measure suggested is the introduc-tion of a system of physical training into all our schools, that shall be imperative as a school

beautiful, as they did to educate the mind. And so they became the most beautiful, the wisest, and the most powerful people of the ancient world. Why should not this nation take the

These two works, of about three hundred

dom, and, to this end, will regard nothing as a Association. These are the ladies to be ad-

Mrs. M. L. BAILEY, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Dr. THOMAS BRAINERD, Philadelphia. Mrs. Dr. Shotwell, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Muscadine Co., Iowa, Feb. 23, 1856. I have just returned from the Republican State Convention at Iowa City. It was a very large and enthusiastic meeting, all sections of the State represented. Members of all the old parties-Democrats, Whigs, Know Nothings, Free-Soilers, and old Liberty men of 1840, and night, to heated and impure air.

A change from domestic employments that

Anti-Slavery spirit, or more determined to rawrong indicated in the foregoing communica-

views endorsed. Our naturalized citizens were also ably represented. nominate men who will endorse and carry out our principles, without being pledged to any particular individual. The Know Nothings may nominate a ticket; yet, even if they do, I think the Republicans can carry the State, if due diligence is used. We have a thorough organization in our (Muscadine) county; prominent men of all parties are with us. There is ed to city life or the more wealthy classes, but great sympathy manifested throughout the extends equally to country towns and villages. State for Kansas; and if those border savages, or rather incarnate demons, continue their dep redations, thousands will turn out to defend the peaceable citizens in their undoubted the inference, that of the present generation of rights, President Pierce to the contrary not-

A FEW ITEMS.

say, even for any time, place, or circumstance, it is so, for few men would condense as much in so small a space. I hope he has counted Southworth. It hardly appears credible that he imbibed his ideas of the question in any

The late appointed consul (Mr. Tenbroek) preaching for the last six months to the Bap-

and round shoulders among the young of both sexes show an extensive deterioration of the vital organs. A still more shocking deformity is

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Our State Legislature was yesteriay organized. and to-day the Governor's message was received the day of the control of the vital organs. A still more shocking deformity is increasing in all directions, by which the whole season, of the most substantial material, for its interior organism loses the aid of its supporting manufacture, and is now ready for operation; no arguments will probably convince them of

We are rejoicing that we have one National Banks. The National Bank exploded long ago. But we are well satisfied with our Banks: may it never issue false currency, but always

Translation of fragments from a letter written in German to W. B., of Washington city, by

and still is, one of the most popular, able, and influential German orators, social and political, in duty—as much so as lessons for the training of the United States. He is now President of the sas, cow at Washington, who thremmed with the intellect. The Greeks took as much pains German "Verein für freies Forschen und Handeln," (Association for free Investigation and of Kansas the election of Saturday Courier, deln," (Association for free Investigation and Action,) in New York,

You see that our association inclines principally towards the new Republican party; and we would, perhaps, have already resolved upon and openly declared our accord with the same, own hands, into the hands of our charles Lamb, would be throwing the decision Charles Lamb, which we are so deeply interested will will own hands, into the hands of our charles will will be throwing the decision Charles Lamb, would be throwing the decision Charles Lamb, which we are so deeply interested will will be throwing the decision of the charles Lamb, which we are so deeply interested will be throwed the charles Lamb, which we are so deeply interested will be throwed the charles are the charles and the charles are the charles and the charles are the cha if there were not a strong mistrust prevailing ight interest of this asso below.

American Woman's Educational Association.

The first portion of this work is a course of lessons in Physiology, made easy, and divested of the needless technics that render most school-books on this subject so uninviting. Then follow the laws of health, and the evils that result from a violation of these laws.

If the Republican party succeeds in purifying itself from the rappoach of Know Nothingism, all independent Germans will certainly join it, all independent Germans will certainly join it,

tem of calisthenic training, so illustrated by many drawings, that any person could learn to practice them without aid from a teacher, and although I consider the Slavery question, acalthough I consider the Slavery question, according to my personal conviction, to be much more important, and of a far greater bearing,

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console and bless you to remember the mercy you may now show to me; the Good Being has suid, 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall pottain mercy.' Give me the permit, sir! let me go and comfort my poor dying Fannie, sir! Oh! I do beseech you!"

"Will you have done worrying me? Major Hewitt is an old dotard! The mercy you self-"

"Hewitt is an old dotard! The mercy you self-"

"The me man humanizing sentiment. These latter de nunciations prove now to be malicious, and, at

Knowing positively that the Republican As-

You know, at present, my sentiments cor cerning the principal questions of politics here, and the tendencies of our Association. Besides, I don't think that I say too much in expressing the opinion that thousands of Germans in this city think and have the same purpose as I'do and have.

The authorities at Washington, who profess to be Democratic, and are so anxious that the people should rule, have seen fit to remove our Postmaster at Elm Creek-a man who was the unanimous choice of the people who got their mails at this office-and appointed a man who under an indictment by the Grand Jury, and awaiting his trial, for violating United States law, in selling whisky to the Indians. And, rather than be seen in the vicinity of our new

Postmaster's whisky shop, we prefer the in-convenience of going to Anoka for our mails.

This must be an imposition on the General Post Office. Some member of Congress or delegate has, it may be, interfered against the People. As a general rule, we have found the Postmaster General disposed to act fairly, and we cannot but believe that he will remedy the

FROM KANSAS.

QUIET-TROUBLES BREWING. OSAWATOMIE, K. T., Feb. 22, 1856.

health.

heart. By what I could perceive, there was respect to Congress news. I have received two numbers of the National Era, bearing date ples, yet I saw no disposition to have their deep snow stopped our mail one week. Great also ably represented.

State officers and Presidential electors were nominated, and delegates appointed to a National Nominating Convention, instructed to any favorable change during the present Ad-

facts before the people.

As to matters here, all is quiet in this region hold a Convention in March; it is probable, I at present; but some things are beginning to think, that the Pro Slavery portion of them assume a very suspicious character. Among been quartered within a few miles of us. When they came on, some three weeks since, it was said that their business was to drive intruders of circumstances, and certain remarks from have been ordered here more for the purpose of compelling the people to submit to the abominable and almost universally detested enactments of the bogus Legislature. The laws made and the officers appointed by that Legislature are so universally detested, that the officers find they can do nothing without a Missouri mob or a company of Government troops to back them up. Is it indeed the policy of the Administration to compel the people here to submit to these unconstitutional and in fernal enactments, or openly resist Government

troops, that he may accuse us of treason?
What is Congress doing? Will they no quire into the matter? I would write to some Anti-Slavery member of the House, were it not for the liberties taken with our mail matter in

The long-protracted struggle of the people of dangered. In every part of our country, the to Bremen, to reside at Munich, has been sas has passed the Rubicon, between a Terri-Rome's greatest general and statesman, to intrample all our free institutions in the dust. ed, read, and ordered to be printed, by both by the mouths of Sharpe's rifles. But, if the President interfere, there will be no active, but a passive resistance he can sever overcome. with his dragoons, to overcome and suppress all organized resistance. He may apprehend the Legislature, and hang every man of then as traitors, and still there will remain thousands who will never submit to the vile enactments ed image of Slavery as high as the golden image set up by the King of Babylon on the plain of Dura, and command them, with as heavy penalties, to fall down and wor nip it, and still he will find those who will submit to his punish

> + have seen a letter from a citizen of Kan-Congress from which we danter. in our Free State moverne

It is hardly necessary to inform the American reader that the soubriquet of "Black Republican" has been taken by the French editor in a literal sense, and that Mr. Banks and all his

resentatives in the United States, Mr. Nathaniel

With lofty song we love to cheer The hearts of daring men; Applauded thus, they gladly hear But now we sing of holy deeds

here she, who stems the wound that bleeds. How sorrow as as it could not dwell And feed life's flickering flame. be called their fluttering spirits back

as to Cuba, as they were for many a long year in respect to Texas. The opportunity which at last is to make the Black Queen of the Antilles ours, if the Slave Power continues to shape events for us, is still a formless embryo in the womb of time. But the lesson of Texas is not forgotten, nor will be.
The Thirty-second Congress met in the De cember preceding those quadrennial summer Conventions, in which two sets of gentlemen come together from all the quarters, and, un-

PETUATION OF SLAVERY, THE VITAL AND not yet quite fall through, halted and lingered. ANIMATING SPIRIT OF THE NATIONAL GOV-ERNMENT "-JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

In the history of the Thirty-second Congress, nothing was more important than the appearance in the Senate of Mr. Sumner, of Massa-Power, and put those which were still pending of his countrymen and the destiny of his country. With his eminent coadjutors,

cal geography" should have no more than fair atorial hot-house of the Oligarchy stood aghast ronger was the reason for absti- at the sight of the growth it was forcing, novas Nor was patriotism in the House inactive. as the Northern mind was repeatedly lacerated Mr. Giddings, of Ohio, always ready and true, and enraged—almost beyond the power of the trading politicians to pacify, divert, muddle, or the emergencies of the time. Mr. Mann, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Bantoul, of Massachusetts—the

> their weighty, but ineffectual, testimony to the lotings for a candidate for President, the name served without distinction in the Mexican war. But his subserviency to the Slave Power was

Constitution, to interfere with or control the domestic institutions of the several States, and out the militia, but found them backward. His that such States are the sole and proper judges The guard-room was forced, and Jerry was sent efforts of the Abolitionists or others, made to induce Congress to interfere with questions of to any one, except to a nervous deputy mar- thereto, are calculated to lead to the most

"That the Democratic party will resist al packed and brow-beaten; but to an extent that already excites great solicitude, courts, reversing the action of the Slavery question, under whatever shape or color the attempt may be

BY RUTH HARPER.

The Lord is my Shepherd, he leads me along, And the hand that upholds me is gentle and strong; From snare and from pit-fall he guides me away,

Nor evil shall harm me, protected by thee Thou spreadest my banquet, though foes frown anear I trust in thy presence, and think not on fear; Mine head though anointest, my cup overflows; O, well may thy flock in their leader repose!

For the National Era.

Valentine commenced his flight. The highside by the hedge of Spanish daggers that skirted the lower cotton-fields of Mr. Hewitt's way, that shut off an extensive cypress swamp that formed a portion of Mr. Waring's estate. Avoiding the middle of the road, Valentine leaped over the causeway, and, though he

him. Elisha came from the direction of the

Lying between the dark-hued cypress swamp and the high hedge that shut off the cottonfields, the road stretched westward, one long irregular vista of yellow light shining in the last ays of the setting sun; and solitary, except for the lonely figure of the old negro preacher, who, stick and bundle slung across his shoulder,

"Hist! Elisha! Elisha!" called Valentine "Who dar?" exclaimed the old negro, starting back so forcibly that the stick and bundle

lookin' arter!" said the old creature, approach-

agony of anxiety.

"When did you see her? Tell me ever

dirt, cryin' low an' weak, like, for hunder."
"Elisha, I must hurry; I must fly! Turn

"Well, you know, 'out my tellin' you, how tuk up de chile offen de flure, an' wash it, an dress it, and git milk, and feed it. An' how

before Judge Grier for giving food and a night's shelter to a party of fugitives, was sentenced to a fine of \$2,800, more than the merciful man was worth. The Judge said, on the trial, "On this subject Lord Mansfield has said some very pretty things, which are often quoted as principles of Common Law; but they will perhaps be found, by examination of later cases, to be classed with rhetorical flourishes rather than legal dogmas."

In 1851, an attempt was made by Lopez and his company, some of them men of education, and of good Southern connections, to repeat in time the Spaniards were too strong for the pirates. The expedition being ignominiously defeated, there was nothing to be done by the Slave Power, incarnate in our Government, but the shadow and the silence, passed unquestionated visible towards the city. Old Daddy Elisha took up to towards the city. Old Daddy Elisha took up to the burden of his hymn, and sang or intoned various portions of that wierd melody as he the election in November, it gave their electors 155,000 votes. Mr. Pierce was chosen President, by 254 electoral votes against 42. By its recent action, the Whig party at the North, where its strength always lay, had been demoralized into ridiculous helplessness.

In his Inaugural Address, March 4, 1853, President Pierce was thought to satisfy his employers by saying: "I hold that the laws of 1850, commonly called the "Compromise Measures," are strictly constitutional, and to be unhesitatingly carried into effect." But it appeared be bridge was the only means from this direction of reaching the city: Dut Daddy Elisha took up to waitous portions of that we brow walked. Valentine, behind the causeway, in the election in November, it gave their electors 155,000 votes. Mr. Pierce was chosen President, and the shide of the walked. Valentine, behind the causeway, in the shadow and the silence, passed unquestioned by the burden of his hymn, and sang or intoned various portions of that waitous previous portions of the walked. Valentine, behind the city

To cross this bridge was the only means from this direction of reaching the city; but the bridge was guarded at both ends by the patrol, or volunteer police; to elude their vigilance was the only desperate part of Valentine's undertaking. The river was broad, deep, and strong in current; no one had ever dreamed of the feat of swimming across it. It was borden that in the side has a markly to deep that it

The poorfellow the clambered along, now on the at last sprang up—reeled, righted himself, broken causeway, his eyes all on fire with vigil—cleared the blood from his eyes, glared around; ance, and now dropping down into the swamp, and just as Mr. Waring had broken his cane and so in more peril and difficulty he went on, with a final stroke over his shoulder, Valuntil he reached the place where the marsh, entine saw and seized a heavy oaken stool, and into the river and the reached the place where the marsh. merged into the river, and the road and cause and, aiming one fatal blow with all his force, way into the bridge and parapet. Here he heard the patrol guard in their little guard of the oaken stool, aimed with all the strength house laughing and talking over their drink, of madness, crushed the eye-entered the brain for they, too, had to keep the pestilence at bay and Oswald Waring fell, never to rise again with alcohol. Here he attempted to gain the But Valentine was maddened! phrensied! and

me pass!"
"Valentine, my poor boy, if your sorrow ha not crazed you, you would understand at one that I cannot do so! But, I tell you what from detaining you in the guard-house, and can write a note of intercession to your maste There he stands; go to Mr. Waring; tell his what you have told me! Give him my note

him in a few words what had passed, and addwords, that I shall be with her in two hours, or, die in the effort. No! do not tell her a word in the City of Philadelphia on Monday, the to alarm her! Say I will certainly be with her in two hours! For I will! despite of earth and the formation of an Electoral Ticket, and the die in the effort. No! do not tell her a word

empty; he ran in, poured out a glass of brandy, drank it at a draught, and passed through the house to the back piazza, where he found his master, pacing up and down the floor. Fr.

great trouble, I was surprised into saying at y-thing sinful—really sinful. Will you read this note, sir?" said Valentine, trying, for Fanni's dear sake, to quell the raging storm in his

-! don't prevaricate with me, or

"I met Major Hewitt on the bridge"
"On the bridge! Why, to
insolent scoundrel; do you dare to stand ther
and tell me to my face that, in direct violatio

be brought before the whole people. Especially

ordinary lot of our maternal ancestors.

"There is no excitement of the imagination in mind of the Pearl River Story, in what is here indicated. If the facts and de-Southworth. It hardly appears credi tails could be presented, they would send a groan of terror and horror all over the land. Southern school. For it is not one class or one section that is enevil is progressing."

There are statistics also in regard to the health

sented in the above work to the knowledge of the whole people. For this, it is hoped that the two grand organs of power, the pulpit and the press, will be universally enlisted. If the

With reference to this, a work has been pre-pared, entitled "Physiology and Calisthenics for Schools and Families;" the author's copy-right interest of this also being given to the American Woman's Educational Association.

rithout any apparatus.

It embraces most of the celebrated

Mrs. Dr. LYMAN BEECHER, Boston, Mass. Mrs. Rev. G. W. Perkins, Chicago, Illinois Mrs. WM. L. PARSONS, No. 11 Cliff st., N. Y P. S. The books will be in the bookstores of this city by the 20th instant. Correspondence of the Eca. POLITICS IN IOWA. OVERMAN'S FERRY,

all trades and professions-met together as one man, for one common purpose-all side issues were voted out of the Convention. Great unanimity prevailed. The one great purpose for which the Convention was called was the allengrossing subject. There seemed no disposition to propose half-way or vacillating measures. The doctrine that Freedom is national, and Slavery sectional; that the General Gov. ernment should prohibit Slavery wherever has national jurisdiction; that Slavery should be circumscribed to States where it now exists, seemed to be the sentiments of every individual present. I have been in the habit of attending all kinds of Anti-Slavery discussions for nearly twenty years, but have never seen any Convention imbued with a more thorough sist the encroachments of the Slave Power. The proper spirit of concession was manifested on all mino, subjects, while there was no shrink ing from responsibility on the mighty subject social, and moral stimulus to the brain, unbal. see our platform before this reaches you. I assure you, if there is anything in it that will posed of those holding the American princi-

LITTLE FALLS, N. Y.

tist Church in this place. He is well worth of the young, as yet incomplete, and therefore the appointment—well-read, agrecable, and fanot in the above volume, which indicate that at miliar, and, I am told, a good German scholar. least one quarter of the young girls in our No man need fear to approach him in a good schools exhibit the lateral and forward curva-

be able to redeem its paper at the counter, on

hereafter sent to.

AN IMPOSITION. ELM CREEK, MINNESOTA TERRITORY.

The above removal was made against a remonstrance, signed by every person who re-ceives their mail at this office. So much for the "Popular Sovereignty" doctrine of the Pierce Administration. But we hope to live to see the system of appointments by the President abolished, and the people allo ed to choose their own Postmasters, and hope the Era will be instrumental in urging this reform upon the attention of Congress.

tion,-Ed. Era.

ments, increased to seven fold intensity, rather than submit to his commands. we may not be so insulted

supporters are thought to be men of color: "The new President of the Chamber of Rep

alleged offence,) who was found guilty of resist.

In a officer, but died before sentence. On the other hand, Governor Bigler, of Pennsylvania, pardoned Alberti, who had been sentenced to the years' imprisonment for kiduapping a free negro child; and Daniel Kaufman, tried in the part of the celebrated method of the people. It embraces most of the celebrated method of the people. It embraces most of the celebrated method of the people. It embraces most of the celebrated method of the people. It embraces most of the celebrated method of the people. It embraces most of the celebrated method of the people. It embraces most of the celebrated method of the people. It embraces most of the celebrated method of the people. It embraces most of the celebrated method of the state sufficient punishment under the circ method of the schools and celleges of that and other European nations. To these are for them to trust. On the fifty-third balloting, free negro child; and Daniel Kaufman, tried in the circ method of the celebrated method of the celebrated method of the schools and celleges of the state sufficient punishment under the circ method of the schools and celleges of that and other European nations. To these are for them, he was a check both to the Democrats and the proposal proposal